

Amendments to the Claims

1. (currently amended) An automated transaction machine comprising:

a plurality of transaction function devices, wherein each transaction function device includes an associated device computer processor, wherein at least one device computer processor associated with a first transaction function device is operative responsive to being placed in operative connection with at least one other device computer processor associated with a second transaction function device, to cause the first transaction function device to become automatically interoperative with the second transaction function device;

a data store in operative connection with both the first transaction function device and the second transaction function device, wherein the second transaction function device is operative to communicate a device driver from the second transaction function device to the data store for storage in the data store, wherein the first transaction function device is operative to access the device driver from the data store, wherein the device computer processor associated with the first transaction function device is operative responsive to the device driver to interact interacts with the second transaction function device in carrying out a financial transaction with the automated transaction machine.

2. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 1, and further comprising a network, wherein the network is in operative connection with the at

least one data store, the first transaction function device and the second transaction function device, wherein the device computer processor associated with the first transaction function device is operative responsive to the device driver to communicate with the second transaction function device through the network wherein the data store includes a transaction function device driver, wherein the second transaction function device is operative responsive to the driver, wherein the first transaction function device interacts with the second transaction function device responsive to operation of the driver.

3. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 2, wherein the driver is a hardware independent software component that is operative in the device computer processor associated with the first transaction function device.

4. (currently amended) ~~An automated transaction machine according to claim 2~~
comprising:

a plurality of transaction function devices, wherein each transaction function device includes an associated device computer processor, wherein at least one device computer processor associated with a first transaction function device is operative responsive to being placed in operative connection with at least one other device computer processor associated with a second transaction function device, to cause the first transaction function device to become automatically interoperative with the second transaction function device, wherein the first transaction function device interacts with the second

transaction function device in carrying out a financial transaction with the automated transaction machine;

a network, wherein the network is in operative connection with at least one data store, wherein the data store includes a transaction function device driver, wherein the device computer processor associated with the second transaction function device is operative to cause the driver to be stored in the data store, wherein the second transaction function device is operative responsive to the driver, wherein the first transaction function device interacts with the second transaction function device responsive to operation of the driver.

5. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 4, wherein the device computer processor associated with the first transaction function device is operative to acquire the driver from the data store.

6. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 2, wherein the device computer processor associated with the first transaction function device includes a virtual machine, wherein the device driver is operative in the virtual machine.

7. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 2, wherein the device driver includes a method that is operative to cause the second transaction function device to perform a portion of the transaction, wherein the device computer processor associated with the first transaction function device is operative to invoke the method.

8. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 1, wherein the device computer processor associated with the ~~second~~ first transaction function device is operative to cause the ~~first~~ second transaction function device to perform a portion of the transaction responsive to a remote procedure call by the device driver.

9. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 1, wherein the second transaction function device includes a sheet dispenser, and wherein the transaction includes the dispense of a sheet from the sheet dispenser.

10. (currently amended) An automated financial transaction machine comprising a plurality of transaction function devices, wherein at least one of the transaction function devices includes a sheet dispenser, and wherein each one of the transaction function devices includes an associated device computer, and wherein at least one of the device computers is programmed so that operative connection of a first transaction function device to the machine automatically causes the first transaction function device to coordinate operation with at least one other transaction function device in carrying out a financial transaction which includes the dispense of at least one sheet from the sheet dispenser, wherein the first transaction function device is operative to communicate a device driver from the first transaction function device to the at least one other transaction function device, wherein the at least one of the device computers of the at least one other transaction function device is operative responsive to the device driver communicated from the first transaction function device to communicate with the first transaction function device.

11. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The automated transaction machine according to claim 10, further comprising a database in operative connection with each of the transaction function devices, wherein each of the plurality of transaction function devices includes an associated ~~transaction function device driver stored therein and is operative to communicate the associated device driver to the data store for storage therein, wherein the at least one other transaction function device is operative to access the device driver associated with the first transaction function device from the data store, wherein the first transaction function device is operative to coordinate operation with at least one other transaction function device responsive to at least one of the device drivers.~~

12-44. (withdrawn)

45. (new) The automated transaction machine according to claim 10, wherein the sheet dispenser comprises a cash dispenser.

46. (new) The automated transaction machine according to claim 9, wherein the sheet dispenser comprises a cash dispenser.

47. (new) A method comprising:

- a) connecting a first transaction function device in an automated transaction machine, wherein the first transaction function device includes a first device computer processor;

- b) connecting a second transaction function device in an automated transaction machine, wherein the second transaction function device includes a second device computer processor, wherein the second transaction function device includes a device driver software component stored therein, wherein the device driver software component comprises device driver data;
- c) communicating the device driver data from the second transaction function device to the first transaction function device;
- d) operating the first device computer processor to cause the automated transaction machine including the first device computer processor to carry out at least a portion of a financial transaction, responsive to the communicated device driver data and communication with the second device computer processor.

48. (new) The method according to claim 47, wherein prior to step (d) further comprising:

- e) storing the device driver data communicated in (c) in the first transaction function device.

49. (new) The method according to claim 47, wherein (c) includes:

communicating the device driver data from the second device computer processor;

storing the device driver data in a data store in the first transaction function device; and

accessing, through operation of the first computer processor, the device driver data stored in the data store.

50. (new) The method according to claim 47, wherein (d) includes dispensing cash through operation of a cash dispenser of the machine.

51. (new) The method according to claim 47, wherein in (d) the first device computer processor includes a virtual machine software, wherein the device driver data is operative in the virtual machine software.

52. (new) The method according to claim 47, wherein in (d), the device driver data includes a software method, wherein the software method is operative to cause method communication between the first device computer processor and the second device computer processor, and wherein (d) includes invoking the software method with the first device computer processor; and further comprising:

operating the second device computer processor to cause the second transaction function device to carry out a portion of the financial transaction responsive to the method communication.

53. (new) The method according to claim 52, wherein in (d) the method communication includes a remote procedure call.

54. (new) The method according to claim 53, wherein the second transaction function device includes a cash dispenser, and wherein in (d) the transaction includes the dispense of cash through operation of the cash dispenser.